

\$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905.

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EDISON IS VERY ILL**Operation Performed on Inventor in Secret.****TROUBLE OF LONG STANDING**

Mastoid Abscess Back of the Ear Near the Brain Causes Keen Anxiety Among the Friends of the "Wizard of Orange."

New York, Jan. 24.—A critical surgical operation has been performed on Thomas A. Edison, at his home near Orange, N. J. Great secrecy was maintained by the family in regard to the affair and few details could be obtained. The operation was for a mastoid abscess behind the ear and very close to the brain.

As is generally known, the inventor has been deaf for many years, and the affliction has been growing worse. He has been suffering continually for about a week and the matter of an operation was broached several days ago, but there was strong hope that it might be avoided. It developed, however, that while Mr. Edison was better in many particulars, the growth was not yielding to treatment, and the conclusion was reached that the operation would have to be performed at once. It was begun late last night and was not finished until an early hour this morning, having occupied more than two hours.

Mr. Edison, who is 57 years old, remained up and about until a few hours before the operation began.

YOAKUM BUYS ROAD.

Will Also Assume Directorate of Colorado Southern.

New York, Jan. 24.—B. J. Yoakum, who is a director in the Rock Island Railroad Company and the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, will, according to the Herald, soon be elected a member of the Colorado & Southern directorate. The voting trust of the latter road will, it is expected, be dissolved this week.

In connection with these reports it is understood, the Herald adds, that Mr. Yoakum has personally bought the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District railroad and that the road will soon become an integral part of the Colorado & Southern railroad. The Short Line, which is the property of the owners of the principal mines in the Cripple Creek district, runs a distance of 46 miles from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek. Branches and spurs bring the total up to 75 miles.

CRUSADE AGAINST JAPS.

Old Clothes Men Cannot Prey on U. S. Soldiers.

Honolulu, Jan. 17 (Via San Francisco, Jan. 24).—United States District Attorney Breckons, has started a crusade against Japanese and other clothes dealers who have made a practice of buying army clothing from soldiers passing through here on army transports.

Many of the men come ashore without any money and they have been in the habit of selling blankets, overcoats or anything else for a dollar or two for the purpose of a few drinks. Yesterday under Breckons' instructions, United States Marshal Hendry ordered 37 United States army overcoats seized in a Japanese store. The Japanese explained that they were coats he imported from the coast, but the importation of overcoats in Hawaii is not recognized. The coats were confiscated.

LAWS AND THE CHARTER.

Honorable Gentleman From Clatsop and the Astoria Charter.

A letter received in this office yesterday from J. N. Laws relative to the charter amendments, says: "My attention has been called to a report published in the Budget of last Friday, purporting to be a report telephoned from Salem regarding the attempted juggling of the Astoria charter bill which does me a great injustice. Inclosed you will find a clipping from

the Salem Statesman which defines my position in the matter."

The Salem Statesman goes on with a long story about the Burns charter being stolen, which is a malicious falsehood. The charter bill has not been stolen and is still in the hands of the chairman of the committee on cities and towns. There was no juggling with the bill. It was simply sent to the clerk's desk without any report being attached to it. When Mr. Laws' attention was called to the matter, he stated that if there was any juggling with the charter bill, he would oppose the passage of any amendments, as he did not propose to stand for any crooked work. It is a well known fact that Mr. Laws favors changing the time for holding the elections from December to June, and also favors a repeal of the police commission, and in this he is supported by nine-tenths of the people of Astoria. Mr. Laws does not represent the democratic party nor the republican party of Clatsop county, but the entire people and he is trying to do his duty as he sees it, honestly and conscientiously.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist."

Some time ago Fred Brown, manager of the Astoria hose team, tendered to Chief Engineer Stockton, the services of the team free of charge in case of a fire. No action was taken at the time, but it is probable that Chief Foster will give the boys a respectful hearing and grant their request.

INTERESTING FINDS

Geological Theories Will Be Revolutionized.

EVOLUTION OF ACQUATICS

Research Tends to Prove That the Distribution Covers a Period of Eight Million Years—Sea Monsters Once Land Animals.

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 24.—Prof. John C. Merriam of the geological department of the university has just made public the results of discoveries that are expected to revolutionize theories regarding the origin and descent of ichthyosaurs and fishsaurs. The field of paleontologic research in California will now have the center of the stage as the new theories follow recent discoveries made in the mountain ranges of the state.

The significance of Prof. Merriam's discussions of changes in bone structure found in ichthyosaur fossils may be better understood when it is known that these bone changes are coincident with the ichthyosaurs development from a land-moving form to a reptile or animal fitted for aquatic life.

Some conception of the enormous length of the reign of the ichthyosaurs, says Prof. Merriam, and of the changes in the North American continent while it was progressing may be had when it is shown that when the ichthyosaurs first took to the sea the Appalachian chain of mountains was just completing its upheavals; while they were in the height of their prosperity the Sierra Nevada arose on the western border of the continent; while they were undergoing their decline and approaching extinction the Rocky mountain range and the region of the great plains were rising from the sea. The whole history of their dispersal on the high seas, therefore took place during a period roughly estimated on our scale at 8,000,000 years.

Fish Story.

Seattle, Jan. 24.—The break in the Alaska cable, which was out of commission nearly three months was repaired today by the cable ship Burnside. When the Sitka end of the cable was raised it was found that a whale was attached. It is the belief of cable experts that the damage was caused by the whale.

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\$1.35 for \$2 and \$2.50 Soft and Stiff Hats.
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13 to 20 Sizes.

\$3.45 for \$6 and \$7.50 Overcoats.

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\$2.85 for \$4 Overcoats.

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